

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0013] and [0014], as follows:

"[0013] The clustering result is refined by searching of best matching keys in other clusters for the records of the smallest cluster. In this manner, the records contained in the smallest cluster are distributed to other clusters such that the total number of clusters is reduced. For identification of other clusters for a record in the smallest cluster, a distance measure such as a Euclids Euclidean distance may be utilized.

[0014] In addition, or as an alternative to Euclids Euclidean distance, gravitation may be used for reducing the number of clusters. Reference is made to the following Web site:
<http://www.ticam.utexas.edu/~zeyun/pick.htm>."